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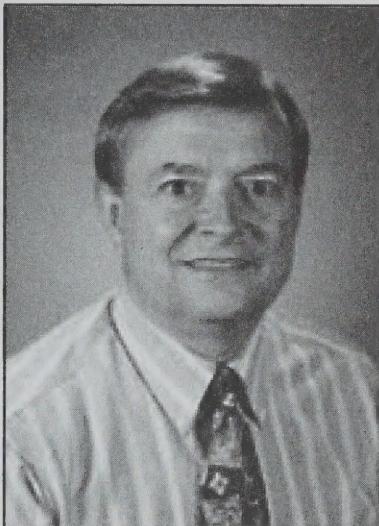
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Dean Robert Grover delivers State of SLIM Address

An assembly of SLIM students and faculty gathered in Emporia, Denver, Salt Lake City and Portland to listen while the new Dean of the school, Dr. Robert Grover, addressed the current "state of SLIM." The event took place Sept. 16, late enough to accommodate students in western time zones who listened by telephone.

Recognizing there are several issues that concern students, from changes in the faculty to the accreditation process, Dr. Grover began with a recap of recent events. He explained that he was chosen as interim dean because he has past experience in the position as former dean of SLIM and the library school at the University of South Florida, as well as assistant dean at the University of Southern California. While he considers teaching his primary role, Dr. Grover intends to serve SLIM as interim dean by increasing communication among all students, preparing the school for the accreditation review,



Dr. Robert Grover

and working with the faculty to fill the remaining vacant faculty position. Throughout the semester, he will also visit with students at each distance education program site, as well as those in Kansas.

Dr. Grover addressed recent changes in SLIM faculty. Last summer, former Dean Faye Vowell decided it was time to move on to another position, and she is now working in the Emporia State University central administration. Mary K. Chelton, who was at SLIM for two years, is now an associate professor at Queen's College in New

York. Lisa Beinhoff accepted the position of director of the library at Penn State University in DuBois. Although Brian O'Connor was recruited by the University of North Texas to head their doctoral program, he and his wife Mary maintain ties to SLIM. Mary will continue to teach the 804 course. Marty Hale is a visiting professor at the University of British Columbia for the semester.

Dr. Grover reminded everyone that it is important to remember that change and faculty

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A conversation with new faculty member Cecilia Salvatore

New SLIM student and graduate research assistant Kate Capps spent a pleasant hour interviewing Cecilia Salvatore.

Cecilia Salvatore's interests in the information-seeking behavior of Pacific Islanders is both personal and professional. A native of Saipan, an island near Guam, Cecilia's experience with information transfer is significantly different from what we are accustomed to in the United States. Cecilia earned her MLS from SUNY-Buffalo, and she is a doctoral candidate at the University of Texas-Austin. UT has just honored her with one of only six awards given to doctoral students to support their dissertation work. Cecilia has worked a librarian in the Guam Public Library, as a teacher at the University of Guam, and as a librarian for an academic library.

When asked what she sees as the mission of librarians in the



Cecilia Salvatore

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Alumni Notes

Roxanne Belcher

is the new Assistant Branch Manager at the Corinth branch of the Johnson County (Kansas) Library.

Barbara Stransky

is the new Library Services Coordinator for the Northeast Kansas Library System. Barbara had been the Director of the Bonner Springs (Kansas) Public Library since 1994 and was previously the Children's Librarian at Bonner Springs.

Kelly Skogseth

is the new sales representative for the northwestern United States and western Canada for Congressional Information Service, Inc. (CIS) and University Publications of America (UPA). She was previously employed as library manager at the University of Alaska, Southeast Ketchikan Campus.

Peggy Neal

has accepted a position with AvCorp Aerospace in Delta, British Columbia, as Supervisor of the Technical Data Control Centre. The prime responsibility is to control all of the technical data, such as blueprint drawings, specifications and other publications in either hard copy or digital data. She is maintaining and developing the main Technical Data Library along with its 16 subsidiary libraries. Part of this responsibility also includes how the technical data flows through the company.

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turnover are a part of life in every institution. Our newest faculty member, Cecilia Salvatore, and visiting faculty member Jack Glazier bring new and different talents to the SLIM team. The search committee for the remaining position is chaired by Herbert Achleitner and has both student and faculty representation. There is also a national search for the dean's position; it too will include SLIM student and faculty representation. Dr. Grover indicated he will be a candidate for the position and he is confident that the best person will be selected, something that means a win-win situation for him, since his greatest love is teaching.

Dr. Grover then turned toward the change in SLIM governance that the faculty adopted this year. The new governance statement includes student voting members attending the monthly SLIM council meeting — one representative for graduate students at distance sites, one for all Kansas graduate students, and one for doctoral students. The role of the student representatives is to voice concerns and participate in discussion and development of policy.

National
search for
Dean's position
in progress

The matter of accreditation sounds ominous, but Dr. Grover explained that it is not. Every ALA-accredited MLS program is reviewed periodically. The accreditation process provides an opportunity for the school to look at where it has been, assess where it is now, and create plans for the future. Both Marty Hale and Dr. Grover

have served on accrediting teams, and most SLIM faculty have previously experienced the process. During 1998-99, SLIM will prepare a self study. The process has already begun and employs the service cycle so integral to the SLIM curriculum. The accrediting team will look for assessment, evaluation of the program, plans resulting from the assessment, implementation of those plans, and then further assessment. The process will involve all SLIM sites as well as alumni and the ESU/SLIM advisory council and ESU administration members.

Dr. Grover also explained the steps that SLIM would take if for any reason it were not granted accreditation, although he is very confident that will not happen. Students in the program would have a grace period of 18 months to graduate. SLIM could reapply for accreditation in 3 years and typically accreditation is then retroactive for 18 months. It is important to bear in mind that the process is collegial in nature and is conducted by professional peers. [NOTE: a more detailed description of the process appears on the SLIM website (<http://slim.emporia.edu>) in the full text of Dr. Grover's address.]

The final portion of Dr. Grover's address included a blueprint for the future of SLIM. He talked about the revised SLIM mission statement (the statement can be found at: <http://slim.emporia.edu/mission.htm>). He discussed projects for the coming year: the assessment of the Ph.D. program, the development of an information management certificate program and a law library specialization in conjunction with the University of Kansas Law School, as well as the formation of a university-wide committee to explore the possibility of creating an undergraduate interdisciplinary information studies degree at ESU. The full text of Dr. Grover's address, along with a question and answer period, can be found on a front-page (upper right) link on the SLIM website (<http://slim.emporia.edu>)

—Kate Capps

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next decade, Cecilia beams. "I see librarians everywhere. Libraries will always be around but they will certainly change, so there will be a need for librarians beyond libraries. Librarians are the ones who can provide the most help in making sense of the vast information out there. For example, librarians have a more prominent role than ever as the organizers of information. We can be at the forefront of the whole information management movement. One thing that I like about our discipline is that we address the human aspect of the information world. We will be called to be creative in our roles as information organizers. At SLIM, this is why we are bringing a global perspective to our curriculum and we must be innovative in our curriculum. Librarians will be doing things that they are best trained to do."

In her research, Cecilia focuses on how different types of people look for information. This reflects her philosophy of librarianship: "Librarians must take part in the information explosion and be flexible but also focus on librarianship as a profession where you care about everybody and where you want everyone to have access to information. I would hate for library schools to focus only on technology and abandon the human and social components of information and information technology. Let's always remember that different people have different abilities, different learning styles, different ways of asking for information. We somehow need to continue to be the human link between society

and technology. Librarians will help people make something meaningful of all that information.

"Information is something we need to study, but we should study all different aspects of it. We can teach standard cataloguing, but I feel that we also need to look at how other cultures organize and access information. Some people don't come to the library because they

to the library's social function." Beyond traditional librarianship, Cecilia recognizes tremendous breakout into other nontraditional fields.

"More and more businesses are addressing the qualitative needs and socio-technical issues of information. We should be at the forefront of this shift. We should be the ones presenting the methods.

"Corporations look at us and see us as the gatekeepers to what's going on. They need us to make sense of the vast amounts of information and the myriad sources. Businesses who are in a competitive environment and who have time constraints need us to coordinate and aid in distilling the information into a useful form. Our knowledge and experience is critical, and they recognize that. Librarians are trained to look at the wide perspective and not stop at a single source."

Cecilia is excited about teaching because she views teaching as a way to keep learning as well.

"I learn as much from my students as they do from me, and I want to continue lifelong learning. I am looking forward to teaching my first class at SLIM. This is an exciting discipline to be in, and SLIM is an exciting school to be teaching in. It's nice to pass along information but the student-professor interaction is fantastic. This may sound corny, but it's terrific to be working with students who are going to go out and make the world a better place. I want to be a good person, to make information accessible to everyone, and I like the fact that I am teaching students something that reflects my personal values."

—Kate Capps

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aren't used to it. Then we need to find out where and how they get their information."

According to Salvatore, the historical mission of librarians not only remains viable but it is also growing and evolving.

"There are going to be people who enter public libraries who need to be walked through each step of the information gathering process, and we have the ability and compassion to do that. Our main goal is to make information accessible to everybody at their level; we are trained to do that. At the same time, we are trained very well in searching and knowledge skills to find the most difficult information and to present it, repackage it in a useable form.

"People still believe in the public library; they still come in looking for information. The position of the public library is going to change, the makeup is going to change, but I feel we should hang on

Corliss Jean Moore has accepted the position of Library Media Specialist at English Landing Elementary School in the Park Hill School District in Parkville, Missouri.

At the KLA College and University Libraries Section Conference Oct. 15-16, 1998 in Wichita, two SLIM alumnae received awards. **Carol Barta**, Director of Barton Community College Library, received the Legislative Award.

Janet Anderson-Story, Librarian at Flint Hills Community College, was presented the Contribution Award for her leadership with para-professionals.

Darcy L. Jones has accepted the position of Automation & Bibliographic Resources Librarian at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law Library. Ms. Jones, who will complete the master of library science degree at Emporia State University in December, is presently an assistant computer services & government documents librarian at Washburn University School of Law Library.

Melanie J. Holles, '91, is the new Extension Services Librarian also at the Stanly County Public Library in Albemarle, NC.

Larry Papenfuss, '98, has accepted the position of Automation Consultant for the South Central Kansas Library System in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Ru Story-Hoffman has published a book entitled "Newbery on the Net" with Highsmith Press. It should be out around Christmas. The second book in the series, "The Quest for Caldecott" is slated for publication next summer.

Scottie Patterson did the cover art and illustrations for a book entitled "Riding Wild Horses Home: A Conservative Christian Apology" by Katherine Wade Unthank. The book will be available early in December '98. Scottie has also been promoted to the position of Assistant County Librarian of the Tippecanoe County Public Library in Lafayette, Indiana.

Alumni Notes

James L. Van Roekel, '98, is the new Electronic Resources Librarian at Western Illinois University, Macomb IL. And is getting married to another ESU Grad, Amber Krause, April 17 in Grapevine, TX.

Tom Brown is the new Director of Library and Media Services at Donnelly College in Kansas City, Kansas, effective December 1, 1998. He is currently a member of the Adult Services staff at the West Wyandotte branch of the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library.

Charis Wilson, Emporia in the Rockies IV graduate, has accepted a position as Document Control Specialist for ICG Netcom, an integrated communications provider in Denver.

Teri Bennis is the new Reference Librarian/ Coordinator of Library Instruction for the Hilton M. Briggs Library at South Dakota State University.

Karen Nordgren, SLIM-Oregon I graduate, is the new Government Documents Librarian at Emporia State University.

Barbara Ginzburg (Aug. '98) and **Pamela Tull** (Dec. '94), librarians at the KU Law Library, taught a CLE class, "Advanced Legal Research on the Internet," at the Ninth Annual Kansas Women Attorneys Conference in Lindsborg this summer.

Pamela Tull is also the new author of "Index to Law School Alumni Publications" and has co-authored a book, U.S. government directories, 1982-1995, with the KU Law Library director, Joyce McCray Pearson. In conjunction with the annual Kansas Bar Association meeting in May, Pamela was awarded a plaque from the Kansas Supreme Court in recognition for her work on the Kansas Judicial

Branch web site!

Patricia Antrim was named the Missouri Library Association Outstanding New Librarian for 1997. She manages the federal depository at Central Missouri State University, which will be participating in a pilot project to make National Technical Information Service (NTIS) publications available in electronic image format. It is one of only 20 depository libraries in the nation selected to participate.

Steve Grochowsky, MLS ('92) and wife Karen send news of the birth of their second son, Benjamin Robert, born Feb. 17, 1998, and welcomed at home by his brother, Jacob Thomas, born August 4, 1995. Steve works at the Stanly County (North Carolina) Public Library as the Electronic Resources Librarian. He was recently selected to participate in the North Carolina State Library's "Master Trainer" demonstration project. The purpose of the project was to develop a preliminary cadre of 12 trainers who could effectively disseminate information concerning the utilization of information-related technologies to their respective public library staffs. The program has been judged a success, and this initial cadre will continue to train, consult, and advise the State Library.

Maureen Hammer ('91) is the legal services libraian for the Montana Power Law Library in Butte, MT. She was featured in the July 1998 company newsletter, *Signals*, for the expansion of library services she has initiated to all units of the corporation.

Susan Schank ('96) was given the 1998 Outstanding Media Program Award by the Greater Kansas City Association of School Librarians.

Tanya Dillon ('98) is the school media librarian for a brand new elementary school in the Albuquerque Public School system, Painted Sky Elementary School.

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SLIM Alumni Survey

As you may know, SLIM will undergo its regular accreditation of the MLS program in the fall of 1999. As part of this evaluation process, we would like to elicit your input. Please take a moment to answer the following questions and return your responses to: Robert Grover, Dean, School of Library and Information Management, Campus Box 4025, Emporia, KS 66801. Or you may e-mail your responses to: groverro@emporia.edu. Thanks.

What year did you graduate from SLIM? _____ Which program (Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah)? _____

Upon reflection, how well did your experience in SLIM prepare you for your career?

Since graduation, what learning from SLIM did you have to unlearn?

Based on your experience, what changes or revisions in the program would you recommend?

What were the highlights of your experience earning the degree?



Alumni and Students Participate in Colorado Library Association 1998

Numerous graduates and current students of Emporia in the Rockies made presentations, received awards and otherwise participated in the 1998 annual meeting of the Colorado Library Association held this past October in Colorado Springs. A Saturday evening Alumni Reunion attracted a capacity crowd who enjoyed a fajita and taco buffet. Current students are selling laptop computer bags that are embroidered with an Emporia in the Rockies logo, pictured below, to raise funds for their graduation ceremony. Every Emporia in the Rockies alum should have one! Contact Kelly Visnak at 1-800-374-8289.

Top picture: Roger and Nat Greer visit with Emporia in the Rockies Coordinator, Kelly Visnak at the SLIM display booth.

Left: Emporia in the Rockies laptop computer bag, only \$42.

Below: Emporia in the Rockies alums Karen Bary, Kelly Visnak, LeighAnn Kennison, Diane Machado, and Marsha Moore-Jazayeri.



Thanks to SLIM Alumni Donors!

A special thanks goes out to the following SLIM alumni for responding to our request for donations toward printing of new student recruitment materials. Over \$900 was raised which went toward publication of a new information/application booklet. The booklet features testimonials from SLIM graduates and employers of SLIM graduates, listings of where SLIM graduates work as a way of demonstrating career possibilities, demographic data on SLIM students, information on the Distance Education program and much more.

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The perfect information resource for the best and brightest librarians in the world, the 1999 SLIM Alumni Directory should be in the personal reference collection of every graduate of the School of Library and Information Management. The 240-page directory arranges contact information for our more than 2,300 alumni alphabetically, by state of residence and year of graduation. There is also a section that lists alumni by job title. An invaluable resource for networking, looking up classmates, and planning reunions, the Directory will be printed in early February and shipped by March 1, 1999. Reserve your copy today for just \$22.50. Make your check out to SLIM and send it along with your completed Alumni Questionnaire included in this newsletter to SLIM, Campus Box 4025, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS 66801.

Faculty News and Notes:

Dr. James Nyce was guest editor of the Aug., 1998, special issue of IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) *Annals of the History of Computing*.

Dr. Roger Wyatt published an article entitled "Global Webcasting with Streaming Video," in *Videomaker Magazine*, Sept. 1998 issue.

Jean Redeker presented on "How to Effectively Use Technology to Advise the Adult Learner" at the Kansas Student Affairs Conference, Oct. 1-2, 98, in Salina, Kansas and participated in a panel discussion on "To MLS or not to MLS" at the KLOA Conference, Nov. 5-6, 98, Salina, KS.

Dr. Wyatt and Dr. Herbert Achleitner received a lecture grant from US Information Agency and will be spent Nov. 28 to Dec. 6 at the University of Warsaw, Department of Information and Book Studies, giving a series of seminars and lectures.

Conk Buckley and Dr. Achleitner presented "Report from Warsaw" at the Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Nitra, Slovakia, Nov. 10, 1998. At the same conference Dr. Achleitner also organized a session: "Issues in Building a Global Information Infrastructure."

Globenet has been redesigned, see <http://slim.emporia.edu/globenet/globenet.htm>.

Dan Roland had his article "The MLS for Distance Learners: A Case Study," published in the Innovative Instruction column of the Fall 1998 issue of SLA's *Business and Finance Bulletin*.

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